

# Division of State Police

The Division conducts criminal investigations, enforces traffic laws on New Jersey toll roads and interstate highways, provides forensic science laboratory services to local law enforcement agencies, maintains criminal records and identification systems, and protects life and property on coastal and inland waterways. The State Police also provides protection and comprehensive police services in municipalities throughout the State where there is no local police department. The Division also coordinates emergency response services, including statewide response to natural disasters and terrorist incidents. For additional information, visit the State Police Web site [www.njsp.org](http://www.njsp.org).

## Highlights

### ❖ **New Homeland Security Branch —**

Created in February 2004, this reorganization is the largest for the State Police in years. This new unit brought both the Emergency Management Section and the newly established Special Operations Section under one command. The move enhanced New Jersey's ability to respond to an elevated threat level, or any event requiring the concerted efforts of law enforcement, intelligence and emergency response workers. The Homeland Security Branch is comprised of nine bureaus incorporating the most highly-trained and specialized units. There are approximately 1,100 personnel, including 550 State Troopers, assigned to the branch.

### ❖ **New Motorcycle Patrol Unit —**

In March 2004, the State Police launched a new motorcycle patrol unit for duty along the Garden State Parkway. The unit has four troopers assigned out of the Holmdel State Police Station. Holmdel Station patrols 42 miles of the Garden State Parkway from Woodbridge, Middlesex County to Brick Township in Ocean County. The unit is equipped with four Harley Davidson Electra Glide motorcycles.

### ❖ **Camden County Anti-Crime Partnership —**

The anti-crime partnership is a collaborative effort focused principally on improving the quality of life for law-abiding residents of Camden and the surrounding area by cracking down on drug traffic, gang activity



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and violent crime, while addressing such related public safety issues as abandoned vehicles. Led by the State Police — approximately 80 percent of the personnel assigned to the effort are State Police members — the partnership also involves resources from the Camden County Prosecutor's Office, Camden County Sheriff's Department, Camden Police and the Delaware River Port Authority (DRPA) Police. In 2004 alone, the anti-crime partnership resulted in more than 2,000 total arrests, more than 600 vehicles towed, 43 firearms recovered, more than \$250,000 worth of illegal narcotics confiscated, and more than \$154,000 in currency seized. As of 2004, the partnership had resulted in the removal of more than 2,000 vehicles in two years, the recovery of more than 100 firearms, and the seizure of at least \$1.5 million worth of illegal drugs.

### ❖ **Anti-Crime Partnership Success in Irvington —**

In May 2004, Attorney General Harvey and members of the Essex County Anti-Crime Partnership, which includes the State Police, painted over gang graffiti on the corner of Springfield Avenue and 21st Street in Irvington, one of the city's most notorious locations for drug and gang activity. The May 2004 graffiti paint-over followed several police raids in the area, signaling the end of gang rule. Through arrests, the issuing of summonses, and the seizure of guns, drugs and vehicles, the Essex Anti-Crime Partnership has made a tremendous impact on crime and the quality of life in Irvington. The Partnership consists of the State Police, the Irvington Police Department, Essex County Sheriff's

Department, Essex County Prosecutor's Office, New Jersey Department of Corrections, Juvenile Justice Commission, Air National Guard, Division of Criminal Justice, U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency and Rutgers University Institute for Police Studies.

### ❖ **Aggressive/Impaired Driver Crackdown —**

Through a \$2.4 million dollar Department of Transportation grant, the State Police strengthened its "aggressive driver" enforcement program in 2004. Fourteen existing State Police vehicles were retrofitted with upgraded emergency lighting for use as unmarked troop cars to assist with enforcement efforts. As part of the effort, State Troopers targeted critical areas on heavily-traveled state roads including Rt. 78, Rt. 287, Rt. 80, Rt. 195, Rt. 295, and Rt. 55.

### ❖ **Trooper Graduations —**

Four new State Police classes graduated in 2003-2004, bringing a total of 195 new Troopers into the ranks of the State Police.

### ❖ **New Crisis Management Software —**

State Police have begun utilizing a new, state-of-the-art crisis management software system that expands emergency preparedness and response capabilities. The new software enables agencies to share on-line information instantaneously, and is therefore conducive to a more effective response, particularly when multiple agencies are involved. Initially deployed in the State's Emergency Operations Center, the system was activated during the Republican National Convention in New York in 2004, and during the flooding that ravaged parts of Warren, Sussex, Hunterdon, and Mercer counties.



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